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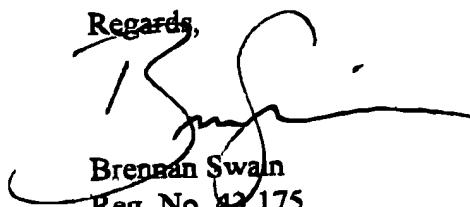
1. (Twice Amended) A bicycle control device for holding a computer switch having an operation control button with an outer periphery having a shape, the device comprising: a top surface defining a recess therein, wherein the operation control button is movable within the recess, and wherein the recess has a shape which conforms to the shape of the outer periphery of the operation control button.

REMARKS

Applicant thanks Examiner Smith for taking the time to interview the case. As discussed, it is believed that the language "the operation control button is movable within the recess" combined with "wherein the recess has a shape which conforms to the outer periphery of the operation control button" distinguishes over Abe. The only portions of Abe which are movable within the recess are buttons 35 and 36. The recess 23 does not have a shape that conforms to the shape of the outer periphery of buttons 35 and 36.

Please give me a call to further discuss the case.

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